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HARDING AT WORK ON HIS FOREIGN POLICY PLAN

HARDING IS READY TO TALK ON HIS TREATY PLANS

Seems to Favor Elimination by U. S. of All Obligations in Its Enforcement.

LEAGUE A TRIBUNAL.

Covenant Separation Would Mean That Article X. Would Be Eliminated.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, March 18 (Copyright, 1921).—Although President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes are proceeding cautiously in matters of foreign policy, the attitude of the new Administration has been made sufficiently clear to enable the writer to outline some of the main points in the conversations which have been begun with foreign governments and which probably will reach the definite stage of negotiations after René Viviani, former Premier of France, has visited the United States.

President Harding has indicated to his Cabinet, as well as to those foreign governments with whom his Administration has been informally in communication, that he is open-minded and ready to give serious consideration to any plan for international co-operation either including or excluding the present League of Nations, but in harmony with the general policies and traditions of the United States.

Tentatively, the Harding Administration seems to favor the idea of a separation of a covenant from the Treaty of Versailles, not necessarily by the drafting of a new treaty or a new association of nations, but by eliminating so far as the United States is concerned all obligation to enforce the Treaty of Versailles.

FAVORS ENFORCEMENT CLAUSES FREE FROM LEAGUE.

The United States, indeed, is anxious to see the enforcement clauses of the peace treaty kept free from the League or association of nations. As one member of the Harding Cabinet expressed it to the writer, the ideal situation would be one in which the League of Nations had no more direct connection with the Treaty of Versailles than any treaty which may be made between the United States and China or Japan.

In other words, the League would be a tribunal to which appeal could be made in the event that disputes of a political or judicial character arose between nations, but then every power would stand on an equal footing and would have complete liberty of

ONLY 131 SALOONS OUT OF 561 CLOSED

Dry League Canvass Shows Little Effect of Prohibition in 1st, 2d and 3d Avenues.

The Anti-Saloon League has just completed what it calls a "saloon-to-saloon canvass" in First Avenue, Second Avenue and Third Avenue, Manhattan, to find how many saloons have been closed by Prohibition. There were 561 saloons on these three avenues when the Prohibition law went into effect.

According to the "canvass" only 131 of them have gone out of business—less than 25 per cent. And 232 of the remainder are alleged to be as wide open as they ever were. Twenty-seven saloons have been changed into liquor stores, selling only bottled goods, while five have been converted into establishments for the sale of food and drink for home use.

REICHSTAG TOLD IT'S TIME TO TOSS KAISER OVERBOARD

Bernstein Believes Better Terms of Peace Could Be Made if It Were Done.

BERLIN, March 18.—Tossing the former Kaiser overboard as a Jonah was openly proposed in the Reichstag to-day by Deputy Bernstein.

Bernstein recommended that Germany recognize the Kaiser's war guilt in the hope that "the world will give us lighter terms." The pan-Germans created a great disturbance denouncing the proposal in the Reichstag Chamber. "Our foreign policy can be accused of two main mistakes," Bernstein declared.

"First, we have not recognized what most of the world and most of our people believe—the guilt of the Kaiser. The second is that England is permitted to bind herself to France's policy wherein the German people are held responsible for the Government's guilt."

DECLINE IN INCOME TAXES PLACED AT \$1,000,000,000

Buyers' Strike, Business Depression and Wage Cuts, Reason Assigned.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The buyers' strike, the nation-wide business depression and reduced earnings of workers and professional men in 1920 will cost the Government approximately \$1,000,000,000 in reduced tax payments this year, it was indicated to-day in early reports to the Treasury from the first installment of the income and excess profits tax payment.

The reports indicate that the total collections this year from income and excess profits tax will total about \$2,500,000,000 when the last installment is paid Dec. 15. Last year the four installments yielded approximately \$1,500,000,000.

Payments of the income and excess profits tax this month probably will not run higher than \$700,000,000. In March last year the total was \$918,850,000.

The yield from practically all sources of revenue is falling off. The customs yield probably will not be more than \$200,000,000 this year, if it runs that, according to J. S. McCoy, Treasury secretary. Last year it was \$220,000,000.

In the face of these falling returns Secretary of the Treasury Mellon must find means to pay rapidly increasing obligations of the Government. Billions of the floating debt mature this year. In addition the spring of 1923 will bring to maturity approximately \$7,500,000,000 worth of victory notes and war savings securities.

Mr. Mellon is believed certain to recommend abolition of the excess profit tax. Secretary Houston made a similar recommendation just before retiring.

BANDIT FIGHTS 50 POLICE.

Pistol in Each Hand, Holds Them Off, but Finally Is Shot Down.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Facing more than fifty policemen a bandit with a pistol in each hand to-day was shot to death after he had kept up a steady fight with them until his ammunition was exhausted.

Several policemen were wounded and one, Detective Mize, is in a critical condition. Mize, noticing the bandit loitering at a street corner early today, started to question him. The man opened fire and ran. Reinforcements came to Mize's rescue and the bandit finally was cornered.

CANNOT BE GIRL'S PAPA, SAYS COURT, BUT HE CAN BE SON

Surrogate Rules That Curtis, Age 67, Shall Not Adopt Miss Mary Lois Fox, Age 29.

DERIDES HER REASONS.

Says If He Granted the Request "Old Rouses" Would Come Around for Ruling.

Surrogate John P. Cohan to-day peremptorily denied the sixty-seven-year-old bachelor Herbert N. Curtis, a retired business man, of No. 47 East 74th Street, the pleasure of being the daddy by adoption of twenty-nine-year-old Miss Mary Lois Fox, who was described in Mr. Curtis's petition as a "professional entertainer, singer and elocutionist."

"Wait until you get married. Then bring your husband around and I'll let you adopt this old man as your son if you desire," the Surrogate said caustically to Miss Fox as she sat in the witness chair.

Mr. Curtis, a stately and vigorous old man, preceded Miss Fox upon the stand. He told the Court that he met Miss Fox six years ago, when he went to her to take lessons in modern dancing. He said he had found her competent and had taken lessons from her for two years.

From a pupil in dancing he became a sort of a secretary to the young woman and aided her in exploiting entertainment specialties, negro folk songs, etc., before the public.

Mr. Curtis prayed the Court for permission to adopt the young woman because of his high regard for her and because she would be a comfort to him in his declining years.

"That is your reason for wanting to adopt this young woman?" the Surrogate inquired, with impatience. "Yes."

"Well, you won't do it with the aid of this Court," the Court answered hotly. "I never heard of such effrontery. It's too startling! It's a parody on all the laws of society and common decency. If I were to be a party to such an adoption, we would have a lot of old rouses coming here wanting to adopt young girls."

Theodore Magarino, of Douglass, L. I., counsel for Curtis, following the Surrogate's sharp comment, said: "Your Honor, as there may be some publicity in this matter, can I call Miss Fox to the witness stand to explain matters?"

This the Court permitted. Miss Fox thereupon assured the Court that Mr. Curtis took a purely platonic interest in her. His attitude toward her, she said, that of a father, and, as she was shortly to be married, she wanted to give him the legal position of father to her and have him live with her and her husband after her marriage.

The Surrogate repeated his refusal to permit the adoption, and made the suggestion that Miss Fox, after her marriage, adopt the old gentleman as her son. The Court said he would consent to this adoption.

65 STANDEES COST MOVIE HOUSE 25c

Owner Fined \$10 for Fire Law Violations Had Received \$9.75 in Admissions.

For allowing sixty-five persons to stand in his motion picture house at No. 112 Cannon Street, Max Wax was fined to-day by Judge Young in the Municipal Court. As the standees were admitted at 15 cents each, or \$9.75, the penalty stood Mr. Wax only a 25-cent deficit.

Mr. Marcus failed to appear to answer a charge of having a locked exit door at his Universal Theatre, No. 94 Bowery. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

Two Views of Stage Girl Who Figures In Banker James A. Stillman Revelations



FLORENCE H. LEEDS

HARRY S. BLACK CASE IN MIAMI DITCHED

Had Been Arrested for Having 60 Cases of Liquor in His Private Car.

MIAMI, Fla., March 18.—The case against Harry S. Black of New York, in whose private car local prohibition authorities seized sixty cases of intoxicating liquor, was ditched to-day by United States Commissioner Graham, when the capitalist was brought before him for arraignment.

Mr. Black had been arrested both by the State and Federal authorities and charged with violating the Prohibition Laws.

The case was dismissed and the private car ordered released when a negro porter testified that he had placed the liquor aboard it without the knowledge or consent of the car's owner.

The warrant sworn out by Mayor Hugh Madison of Coconut Grove, where the arrest and seizure were made, is returnable in the Mayor's Court there Monday. Black is still under bond in that case.

TRAIN HALTED BY CLOTH.

Rabbi Suspected After Tangle Causes Bothersome on Erie Express.

The Erie Express, from Jersey City to Chicago, was held up for an hour in Rutherford, N. J., early today when several yards of tangled cloth became wound around wheel journals, causing hot boxes.

After the train had stopped several bolts of cloth, believed to have been thrown from a through freight preceding the passenger train, were picked up by railroad officials.

Rebbed detectives, summoned by town police, began an investigation to determine whether a robbery had been committed.

New Hamburg-New York Steamship. WASHINGTON, March 18.—It quickly was learned and freight service between Hamburg and New York is to be inaugurated by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company of Great Britain. There are to be two sailings each month from New York and two from Hamburg, calling at Southampton and Cherbourg. The first ship is expected at Cherbourg May 2.

CLARA S. HAMON WRITES SHE WILL START LIFE ANEW

Acquitted of Killing Millionaire Oil Man and Political Leader, Jake L. Hamon.

By Clara Smith Hamon.

Complete, 1921, by the United Press. ARDMORE, Okla., March 18.—I start anew in life with the scarlet letter of shame branded on my breast. But I start-out with the determination to allow the world that an erring woman can come back.

It has been said that the world never forgives a woman who makes one mistake in life; that society will never take her back in the fold. If I believed that the liberty given to me by the jury yesterday would not be sweet to me it would be an bitter experience. I know the world will be sympathetic, believing that I am a reformed woman.

I am going through life with my head up, knowing now that I can look every man and woman in the eye, unashamed. With this heart I know I can win. I want to thank the people of the nation for having sympathized with me in my hour of need. I appreciate the hundreds of messages I received from persons all over the country during this ordeal. What can I give in return that I am glad I will be glad to do before I die.

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Slasher of Church Organist Quickly Indicted.

DETROIT, Mich., March 18.—(Copyright, 1921, by the United Press.)—A man who shot and killed the organist of the First Baptist Church here last night was indicted to-day by the grand jury.

Knights will be organized at Montclair, N. J., to-day. The first will be in that town. The President of the Knights of the United States is expected to arrive in New Brunswick.

"RUM HOUNDS" PUT IN SPECIAL CELL WITH LIVE SNAKES

They Awake Panic Stricken and Pledge to Abstain Is Thrust Before Them.

(Special to The Evening World.) PITTSBURGH, March 18.—In an effort to reform the "hoosey house" of the Rocks, a nearby borough, upon whom fines and jail sentences are having little effect, Chief of Police Charles Street has imported six Mexican pine and bullhead snakes with which he expects to bring about the reformation of the hardened "rum hounds."

The snakes, harmless, are six feet in length and extremely dangerous looking. A specially constructed cell, called the "terror box," houses the reptiles and when a drunk is brought in he is given a berth with the snakes. When he awakens from his sleep and finds himself among them he invariably is panic stricken. However, he can obtain his release only by signing a pledge and promising reform.

The snakes are fed at mice.

N. Y. JEWELRY MAN ROBBED OF \$44,000

Salesman for Dattlebaum & Friedman Victim of Hotel Thieves in Pittsburgh.

(Special to The Evening World.) PITTSBURGH, March 18.—Jewelry worth \$44,000 was stolen last night from Louis Gerstman, a jewelry salesman for Dattlebaum & Friedman, No. 15 John Street, New York City, stopping at the Henry Hotel here.

According to the information given by Gerstman, he left his room about 2 o'clock and returned about 3 o'clock. He discovered the lock of his jewelry trunk had been forced and the jewelry removed.

The stolen jewelry included a large number of silver rings and a number of diamond rings, valued at \$25,000; 132 gentlemen's ruby rings, valued at \$1,250; 30 gentlemen's assorted rings, valued at \$1,400; 20 dozen assorted 14 karat mountings, valued at \$1,000; 25 dozen ladies' assorted rings, valued at \$2,500; 144 ladies' jade and ruby rings, valued at \$3,400; 1,200 bloodstone rings, valued at \$1,200; and a miscellaneous assortment of jewelry, valued at \$4,500.

At the office of Dattlebaum & Friedman it was said the stolen jewelry was valued at more than \$40,000. The loss was entirely covered by insurance. Every ring, the officers said, was stamped with a registered trademark, and identification would be simple if any effort were made to dispose of the jewelry.

MR. STILLMAN IS IDENTIFIED AS FRIEND OF STAGE BEAUTY NAMED IN DIVORCE SUIT

Friendly "Tips" Come From All Quarters to Aid Wife of Banker in Her "Defensive Action"—Two Chauffeurs Furnish Important Information as to Vaudeville Actress

An impressive showing of evidence in elaboration of the "affirmative defense" which Mrs. Anne U. Stillman is using to combat the divorce suit of James A. Stillman, President of the National City Bank, has accumulated within a few days and has been prepared in affidavit form by her attorneys.

WOULD PUNISH GUILTY PERSONS IN DIVORCE CASES

District Attorney Lewis Protests Against Measure That Would Give Them Immunity.

REFERENCE to divorce scandals in high society was made in a letter to-day sent by District Attorney Harry E. Lewis of Kings County to Albany, in opposition to the bill proposing to prevent criminal prosecution of guilty parties in divorce proceedings.

Mr. Lewis said: "I am unalterably opposed to the proposed amendment. While it is true that there have been few convictions under this section, due to the feeling that the personal conduct of individuals, so long as it does not offend the public, should not be the subject of State regulation, it seems that at that time, especially when the public press is filled with sickening accounts of domestic infidelity of persons claiming high positions in society, these sections of the penal law have a real value."

"One of two convictions with penitentiary sentences would have a salutary effect upon these people."

Mr. Lewis intimated also that he will take action against any party in a divorce suit who admits guilt.

COAL PRICES DROP 15-25 CENTS A TON

Big Dealers Here Announce Reductions to "Little Fellow" for Home Use.

There was a break to-day in the announced position of retail coal dealers there would be no "spring reductions" in the price of anthracite coal at this season and winter prices would hold until late when there might be an increase. Burns Brothers and William Farrell & Son, among the largest dealers said to-day they had reduced prices.

Burns Brothers said they had scaled prices 15 to 25 cents a ton because of the savings they had been able to make in delivery through the reduction in price of gas and feed for horses.

Farrell & Son reported the following reductions:

Broken and egg, from \$13.50 to \$12.75.
Stove and nut, from \$13.75 to \$13.
Pea, from \$11.50 to \$10.75.
Buckwheat, from \$8.10 and \$5.10 to \$7.50 and \$5.50.

Farrell & Son said they were giving their customers the advantage of better value at the mines as well as of decreasing delivery prices.

The Western Coal Company, one of the largest wholesalers of anthracite, advised the retail trade of a 50-cent reduction in the price of all domestic sizes, effective immediately.

Some of these affidavits may become public at a hearing on the alimony and counsel fee of petition set down by Justice Morchauer to-day for argument at 10 o'clock. At the request of John F. Brennan for Mrs. Stillman and a Mr. Collins, representing the banker. They said that as far as they knew there would be no appearance on the minor motion set down tentatively for to-morrow.

Justice Morchauer in fixing next Wednesday remarked: "I had a telephone message last night from the lawyers in this matter, and I told them I would rather have the matter heard in open court."

Both Mrs. Stillman and her attorneys have been surprised by the eagerness of men and women of supposedly gay and irresponsible lives to aid Mrs. Stillman. "Tips" and positive information began to be thrust upon them as soon as it became public that Mr. Stillman had, two years after the birth of a child to his wife, named a French-Canadian guide as the father of the child and the wrecker of his home.

These came from persons who said they knew the banker himself to have been engaged in a more or less sentimental adventure with almost the exact plot, covering almost the exact time at that with which his accusations sought to besmirch his wife and her baby.

One of the first to appear was a young woman with a wide acquaintance among high financiers, including Mr. Stillman and others not well known as custodians and directors of large sums of money. She had known Mr. Stillman, she said, before he became acquainted with the appealingly beautiful young girl of the cabaret and vaudeville stage who was variously known as Florence Leeds and Florence La.

They were all friends, she said, of a theatrical young woman who was known among them as "Mrs. Stillman's friend" but whose friendship was understood by them to be of the late-restaurant-and-good-night-at-the-door variety. This girl married a substantial business man, who did not have the banker's financial resources for entertainment but gave her a real home in which she is now living happily except for fear she may be dragged into the Stillman scandal.

But before "Mrs. Stillman's friend" married, this informant said, she introduced all the young women of her acquaintance to Mr. Stillman. SHE'S "FOR THE WIFE" SHE DECLARED.

"He was very pleasant to all of us for a time," she said. "And then we didn't see anything of him and next we heard he was devoting himself altogether to Flo. Of course we felt puffed about it; at least I did. I'm human. But nobody in our crowd was out making trouble in a man's family just out of jealousy. But when I read what Mr. Stillman is telling the world through court affidavits about his own wife and the mother of his children—I'm for the wife."

Others sought by investigators of